President's Regional Impact Report

FY2009

Mount Wachusett
Community College

Message from the President

Mount Wachusett Community College truly is the community's college, serving the residents of 29 cities and towns in North Central Massachusetts.

In this report, we emphasize MWCC's impact on our region through the programs and initiatives run through our main campus in Gardner, our satellite campuses in Leominster, Devens and Fitchburg, as well as our adult education centers and other partnerships throughout North Central Massachusetts. Our academic programs, workforce training, and personal enrichment offerings are impacting tens of thousands of individuals each year, from school-age children in our College Access and Preparation Programs to traditional college-age students, adult learners and seniors.

As you read through this report, you'll find information about exciting new programs and partnerships, as well achievements in academic excellence and extraordinary community service and outreach initiatives.

Among the many highlights, MWCC augmented existing renewable energy measures; expanded its Biotechnology program; and received accreditation for Clinical Laboratory Science and Practical Nursing, programs that prepare students for high-demand jobs in the region.

Construction of the Northeast Veteran Training & Rehabilitation Center began in September 2008 at the Gardner Campus. The residential, comprehensive center is being built by the Fitchburg-based nonprofit organization Veteran Homestead, Inc. to serve wounded combat veteran of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and their families.

The volunteer and service endeavors of MWCC's students, faculty and staff in the community earned the college national recognition for its civic engagement initiatives by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Corporation for National and Community Service, which placed the college on the President's Higher Education Community service Honor Roll.

You will also see spotlights on individuals and businesses that have been impacted by MWCC throughout the year.

On behalf of the board of trustees, faculty, staff and students, I am proud to present this FY09 report to you. The accomplishments of the past year accentuate that there is much to celebrate at the college. I look forward to what we will achieve in the coming year.

Thank you for your continued support of MWCC and our students.

Sincerely,

Daniel M. Asquino, Ph.D.
President

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Top-ranking education leaders visit MWCC

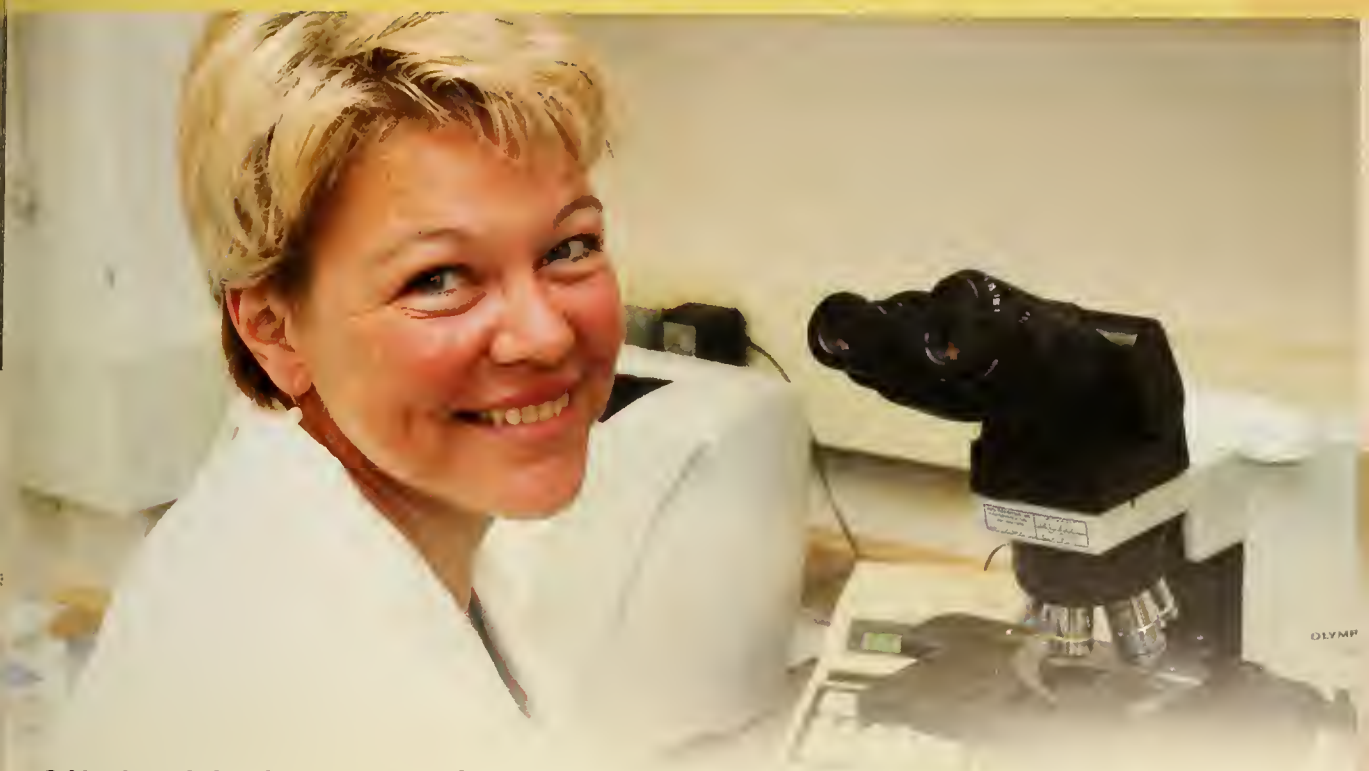
Massachusetts Secretary of Education Paul Reville visited MWCC in December 2008. During his visit, he outlined the goals of Governor Deval Patrick's Readiness Project during a roundtable discussion with administrators, faculty, staff and student leaders.

Massachusetts Commissioner of Early Education and Care Sherri Killins visited the college in July 2009 to meet with area childcare providers and preschool educators during a Community Meeting hosted by the college's Department of Early Childhood Education (ECE). During her visit, Commissioner Killins also met with MWCC President Daniel M. Asquino, Board of Trustees Vice Chairman Jim Garrison, ECE faculty and others. Her visit included a tour of MWCC's Garrison Center for Early Childhood Education.

Massachusetts Secretary of Education Paul Reville speaks with 2008-2009 Student Trustee Brad Swanson, center, and Morgan Opramolla, co-president of the International Club and a member of the Phi Theta Kappa and Alpha Beta Gamma honor societies.

Early Education and Care Commissioner Sherri Killins pauses to play a sorting game with a preschool student at the Garrison Center for Early Childhood Education during her visit to MWCC.

in Academics



Kim CampoBasso, a 2009 graduate of MWCC's Clinical Laboratory Science program.

Clinical Laboratory Science Program Receives Accreditation; New Partnership

MWCC's Clinical Laboratory Science (CLS) program was endorsed as one of approximately 225 nationally accredited programs preparing graduates for in-demand careers in the medical technology field.

In 2006, MWCC initiated the CLS program with the generous support of its clinical partner, Heywood Hospital in Gardner, to address a workforce shortage of certified laboratory personnel. Beginning in the 2009-2010 academic year, HealthAlliance Hospital in Leominster, which recently completed building a multi-million dollar clinical laboratory, also joined this partnership as a clinical affiliate.

"By partnering with Heywood Hospital, and now with HealthAlliance Hospital, we are doing our part to help ease the shortage of laboratory technicians in our region and train graduates to work in a field with strong career opportunities, while also ensuring that our friends, neighbors and family members continue to receive the superior healthcare they need and deserve," President Asquino said.

This past spring, the program was granted full accreditation by the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences. In May, the CLS program graduated its second class of laboratory technicians, with all of the graduates securing jobs before or immediately after completing the program.

Students completing the Clinical Laboratory Science Associate Degree program are prepared to play a vital role in patient care by performing a wide range of clinical laboratory procedures used in the prevention, detection, diagnosis and treatment of disease.

Practical Nursing Program Receives Accreditation

Following an extensive evaluation process last spring, MWCC's Practical Nursing (PN) program was awarded five-year initial accreditation by the National League for Nursing Accreditation. MWCC's PN program provides short-term education leading to a rewarding healthcare career. The PN Certificate is approved by the Massachusetts Board of Nursing. After passing the National Council Licensure Exam for Practical Nurses, graduates can pursue careers as Licensed Practical Nurses in hospitals, physicians' offices, rehabilitation centers, outpatient settings, residential care facilities or in home care. College credits earned in this program may be applied toward an associate degree in Nursing.

MWCC Art Professor Initiates Message of Peace

Prayer Flags Around the World, a traveling exhibit promoting peace that was initiated by MWCC Associate Professor of Art Thomas Matsuda, was displayed in the Raymond M. LaFontaine Fine Arts Center before heading off for shows in France, Romania and Vietnam in 2009 as the exhibit makes its way across the globe to countries of participating artists. This project was inspired by a ceremony initiated by Matsuda during the Dorothea Fleiss East-West Artist Symposia in Carei, Romania on Hiroshima Day 2006. The flags are traveling to each artist across the globe to be used in a ceremony or exhibit in their country, as a symbol of peace around the world.

Graduates Urged to Serve During 44th Commencement

Civic engagement, student success, and the strength of public higher education were the themes emphasized during MWCC's 44th Commencement, May 20, when 766 associate degrees and certificates were awarded to members of the Class of 2009.

In his opening remarks, President Asquino noted that over the course of the year, students collectively contributed more than 12,000 hours of service work in the community. In his keynote address, Massachusetts Lt. Governor Timothy P. Murray urged the graduates to pursue their passion, pursue success and remain involved in their communities. He also challenged the class to become advocates for public education, noting, "Public higher education has shaped my family and it is shaping yours."

Service Above Self Awards were presented to long-serving community volunteers Karson Y. Aubuchon of Princeton and Rosemary C. Healey of Fitchburg for their commitment to serving others. Salvatore L. Perla of Leominster, vice president of clinical and support services at Milford Regional Health Center, was honored as the 2009 Alumnus of the Year. Honorary doctorate degrees in Philosophy were presented to Lt. Governor Murray, retiring Executive Vice President Edward R. Terceiro, Jr., and Dean Charles E. Weitze.

MWCC honored the academic achievements of outstanding students during the annual Evening of Excellence awards ceremony in May at the Four Points by Sheraton, Leominster. More than 125 awards and scholarships were presented during the celebration. Student Government Association President Bryan Klink, second from left, is the first recipient of the new Peter J. Trainor Leadership award, established in honor of long-serving MWCC professor and administrator Peter Trainor, center, who retired last year as Vice President of Academic Affairs, and has since passed away following a courageous battle with cancer. The award was presented during the ceremony by Executive Vice President Edward Terceiro, left, President Asquino and Vice President of Student Services and Enrollment Management Ann McDonald. The award will be presented yearly to a student who most exemplifies the leadership traits demonstrated by Trainor during his four decades of service at MWCC. Vice President Trainor will be remembered fondly by the college community for his tireless commitment and service.

Committed to Engagement

MWCC Selected For Carnegie Foundation's 2009 Community Engagement Classification

MWCC was recognized as a college dedicated to community engagement by the prestigious Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. One of 119 colleges and universities and nine community colleges chosen nationally for the 2009 Community Engagement Classification, MWCC was selected for both the Curricular Engagement and Outreach and Partnerships categories.

"Civic engagement is a key component of our mission as a student and community centered institution. It is a tremendous honor to be recognized by the Carnegie Foundation for the outstanding work of our students, faculty and staff in this area," President Asquino said.

"Throughout our decade of civic engagement, we have emphasized the importance of integrating classroom learning with community service. Students gain practical experience that sets them apart in a competitive job market and communities benefit tremendously by this engagement."

Sixth Annual Molly Bish Kid Expo Educates Thousands

Thousands of area residents turned out for the sixth annual Molly Bish Kid Expo to learn first-hand about ways to stay safe and healthy, while also experiencing an array of fun activities.

The Molly Bish Institute at MWCC was established by President Asquino and John and Magi Bish in memory of their daughter Molly, who was abducted and murdered in 2000. The free festival, hosted by the college's Molly Bish Institute with the support of numerous community sponsors and partners, raises awareness of child health and safety issues by providing hands-on learning opportunities.

During the event, President Asquino and the Bishes recognized State Senator Stephen M. Brewer for his work strengthening child safety laws and for his support of the Molly Bish Institute at MWCC.

Kid Expo 2009 was made possible through the generous support of numerous businesses and organizations in the region. In addition to the Molly Bish Foundation and MWCC's Molly Bish Institute for Child Health and Safety, premier sponsors were: GFA Federal Credit Union, Hannaford Supermarkets, Heywood Hospital, HealthAlliance Hospital, The Worcester Telegram & Gazette, Anna Maria College's Molly Bish Center for the Protection of Children and the Elderly, and Community Health Connections Family Health Center.

MWCC Named to Presidential Honor Roll for Community Service

The Corporation for National and Community Service honored MWCC with a place on the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for exemplary service efforts and service to America's communities. Launched in 2006, the Community Service Honor Roll is the highest federal recognition a school can achieve for its commitment to service learning and civic engagement. Honorees for the award were chosen based on a series of selection factors including scope and innovation of service projects, percentage of student participation in service activities, incentives for service, and the extent to which the school offers academic service learning courses.

Community

Construction Begins on Northeast Veteran Training & Rehabilitation Center

What began as a vision to help wounded combat veterans rebuild their lives has become a reality. Construction began in fall 2008 on the Northeast Veteran Training & Rehabilitation Center, a privately-funded center being built by the Fitchburg nonprofit organization Veteran Homestead, Inc. on MWCC's Gardner Campus. It is anticipated to open in 2010.

In August 2008, the Massachusetts Legislature approved a bill allowing MWCC to lease 10 acres on its 269-acre campus to the nonprofit organization to build the rehabilitation center to serve veterans who have suffered loss of limbs, traumatic brain injuries, post traumatic stress and/or disfiguring burns while serving the country in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. The facility will include a rehabilitation center and community of 20 two-bedroom duplexes to house the veterans and their families while participating in center therapy programs.

"This is a great day for Mount Wachusett Community College. This is a great day for our communities. This is a great day for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and this is a great day for our nation," President Asquino remarked at the groundbreaking ceremony. "I've been asked, 'Why are you doing this – why are you giving away 10 acres of land?" My response is, "It's the right thing to do for our veterans.'"

Designed as a model that other colleges can replicate, the center is unique because it combines free rehabilitation services and housing with an academic component, while being located on a college campus. In keeping with MWCC's existing renewable energy initiatives, the new facility will incorporate a geothermal heating and cooling system and photovoltaic panels for electricity, and is being built to meet LEED certification. Veteran Homestead has received numerous contributions of materials and services, as well as grants and monetary donations, to fund the project.

In lieu of payment for the lease, Veteran Homestead is providing the college with internship opportunities for students enrolled in nursing and allied health programs. A September 2008 groundbreaking ceremony featured remarks from President Asquino, Veteran Homestead founder and Chief Executive Officer Leslie Lightfoot, Massachusetts Secretary of Veterans' Services Thomas G. Kelley, Division of Capital Asset Management Commissioner David B. Perini, State Senator Stephen M. Brewer, State Representative Robert L. Rice, Jr., and Gardner Mayor Mark P. Hawke. Project supporter Larry Izzo, a former New England Patriots linebacker, also attended the event.

Green on Green Street

MWCC Expands Its Renewable Energy and Green Initiatives

MWCC was at the forefront of the campus climate movement when it converted its all-electric main campus in Gardner to a biomass heating system in 2002.

The college is now gearing up for another phase of energy and cost savings, through a variety of new wind and solar initiatives and conservation measures. The cost savings through these initiatives will allow more of the college's financial resources to be applied toward academic programs and technology, rather than utility bills.

Wind Energy

A planned wind energy project to install one or two turbines on the south side of MWCC's Gardner Campus, would produce an expected 4,978 megawatt hours of electricity annually, which is more than 83 percent of the college's current electricity consumption.

Solar Energy

This past summer, the college installed two separate solar projects, including a large-scale photovoltaic array that will generate nearly 100 kilowatt hours of electricity. In 2007 and 2008, MWCC received $900,000 in federal and state funding to support the installation. The funding includes $310,000 in federally-sponsored Clean Renewable Energy Bonds (CREB), issued by MassDevelopment on behalf of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The second solar project, to provide domestic hot water in the main building, is one of 11 new Energy Conservation Measures (ECMs) implemented at the main campus in Gardner.

The 11 ECMs, totaling approximately $965,945, will be covered by $735,277 in state grants, with the balance coming from energy rebates through National Grid. Combined, they will help reduce the college's electrical usage by another 15 percent, and result in an additional annual cost savings of more than $129,100 per year. The projects also include a lighting retrofit for the main campus; new lighting controls throughout the campus; installation of an automatic pool cover and new pool filter; and heating and air conditioning upgrades.

Single Stream Recycling

In addition to recycling office paper, newspaper, magazines and cardboard, the Gardner Campus is now recycling all types of mixed paper, all colors of glass, aluminum cans and plastics #1-7. The change is expected to reduce the college's trash by 50 percent, pare $4,000 a year off of disposal fees, and help reduce the college's carbon footprint by reducing the amount of waste being sent to a landfill.

The single stream recycling will move the college another step closer toward climate neutrality, which is a goal the American College & University Presidents Climate Commitment has set for campuses nationwide. President Asquino was one of the first in the country to sign the climate commitment and is a member of its Leadership Circle.

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MWCC's conversion to a biomass heating system has reduced the college's carbon footprint by 22.5 percent, cut electricity usage by 38 percent, water usage by 52 percent and resulted in an energy cost savings of more than $3.2 million. That's the equivalent of planting 3,539 acres of trees and removing 2,256 cars from the road.

MWCC Foundation, Incorporated

Scott B. Howard
2008 Harold E. Drake, Jr., Citizen of the Year

MWCC Foundation Names Scott B. Howard 2008 Citizen of the Year

MWCC Foundation, Inc. honored long-serving community volunteer Scott B. Howard as the 2008 Harold E. Drake, Jr. Citizen of the Year. Howard, chief operating officer of Bemis Associates, received the award during the annual Foundation Dinner at the Colonial Hotel in Gardner. Outstanding MWCC students who receive foundation scholarship funds were also recognized.

Leading by example, Howard has advanced the Shirley-based company's philanthropic spirit, which benefits the lives of countless North Central Massachusetts residents. Each year, Bemis contributes approximately $40,000 to the United Way of North Central Massachusetts in corporate sponsorship. Employees participate in the annual Day of Caring and contributed $116,935 in pledges last year. Howard has served on the United Way Board of Directors for nine years and is a past chairman.

Bemis also contributes to the Town of Shirley; annually sponsors a Thanks by Giving luncheon for 350 senior citizens from Leominster, Shirley, Lunenburg and Sterling; and provides its employees with paid leave time to volunteer a full work week each year on a project of their choice. Bemis employees volunteer a collective 60 to 65 hours monthly at Loaves & Fishes food pantry in Devens.

The Fidelity Bank foursome of Kevin Mack, Joseph Sova, Cory Medeiros and Larry McLaughlin were the low gross winners of MWCC Foundation's 14th annual golf tournament, in July at the Oak Hill Country Club in Fitchburg. The annual event raises funds for student scholarships.

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MWCC: at a Glance

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Associate Degrees

Art, Auto. Tech., Biotechnology, Broadcasting and Electronic Media, Business Admin., Clinical Lab. Science, Massage Therapy, Computer Graphic Design (print and web), Computer Information Systems, Criminal Justice, Dental Hygiene, Early Childhood Education, Fire Science, General Studies, Human Services, Liberal Arts & Sciences, Manufacturing, Medical Assisting, Natural Resources, Nursing, Paralegal, Physical Therapist Assistant

Certificates

Allied Health, Auto. Tech., Biotechnology, Business Admin., Complementary Health Care, Computer-assisted Accounting, Computer Graphic Design (print and web), Electronic Communications & Digital Media, Exercise Science, Human Services Technician, IT Support Specialist, Law Enforcement, Massage Therapy, Medical Office, Office Assistant, Paralegal, Practical Nurse, Small Business Management

Accreditations

Mount Wachusett Community College is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. Several programs have additional, industry-specific accreditations.

Campus Locations

Gardner, Leominster, Devens & Fitchburg (Dental Hygiene only)

Notice of Non-discrimination

MWCC seeks to provide equal educational and employment opportunities and does not discriminate on the basis of age, ancestry, color, creed, disability, genetic information, gender, marital status, race, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, veteran status, or any other protected classes.

Infomación Sobre Política de No-discriminación

Mount Wachusett Community College es un patrono con igualdad de oportunidades y no discrimina en base de raza, credo, color, religión, origen nacional, género, edad, estado matrimonial, impedimento físico o mental, orientación sexual, estado civil ó información genética.

About MWCC

Mount Wachusett Community College is an accredited, public, two-year institution serving 29 cities and towns in North Central Massachusetts. The college offers over 40 associate degree and certificate programs, as well as adult basic education/GED programs, education and training for business and industry, and noncredit community service programs. MWCC students enjoy many support services and resources including the Fitness & Wellness Center, the Academic Support Center, The Center for Democracy & Humanity, and the 555-seat Theatre at the Mount. Courses are offered days, evenings, online, and in other convenient formats.

Enrollment Highlights

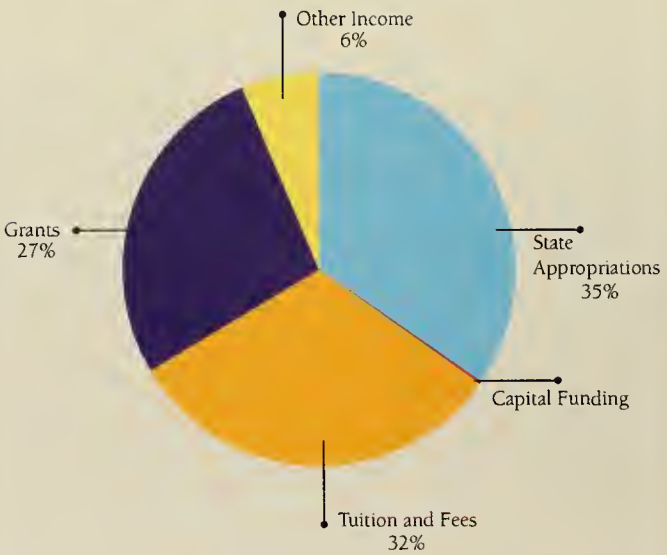
	FY2009
Total credit and noncredit annual unduplicated headcount	10,748
Credit	
Credit course registrations	26,214
Annual credit enrollments	6,282
Full time	44%
Part time	56%
Female	66%
Male	34%
Average Age	29
Under age 18	1%
18-19	12%
20-24	37%
25-34	23%
35-49	18%
50-65	5%
No age provided	3%
Students with previous college experience	71%
Degree-seeking students receiving financial aid	51%
Average class size	14
Noncredit	
Total noncredit course registrations	13,823
Workforce development noncredit course registrations	12,633
Number of students graduated in 2009	720
Associate degrees	462
Certificates	258
Career preparation	
Placement rate of career program graduates	86%
MWCC licensure exam pass rate:	
Dental Hygiene	100%
Registered Nursing	92.9%
Practical Nursing	78%

MWCC: Financials

MWCC Financial Operations

FY Revenues	FY09	FY08
State Appropriations	15,104,632	17,323,757
Capital Funding	129,998	1,638,697
Tuition and Fees	13,751,750	12,145,725
Grants	11,853,629	10,145,682
Other Income	2,765,323	1,584,987
Total Revenue	**$43,605,332**	**$42,838,848**
FY Expenditures		
Instruction	12,184,754	12,778,139
Scholarships	5,581,696	4,844,266
Student Services	7,483,911	7,888,757
Academic Support	5,391,525	5,295,614
Maintenance & Plant	5,270,943	4,814,011
Institutional Support	4,537,128	5,117,007
Public Service	1,050,795	1,003,236
Auxiliary Enterprise	1,284,958	1,097,818
Total Expenditures	**$42,785,710**	**$42,838,848**
Increase in Net Assets	**$819,622**	

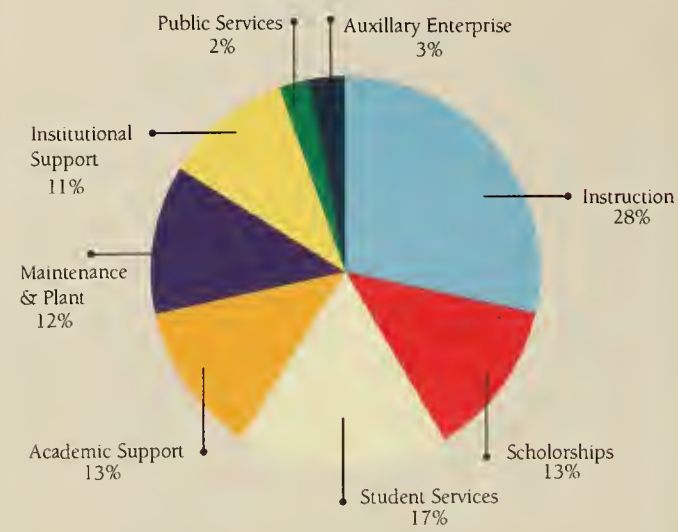
FY09 Revenues



MWCC Foundation, Inc. Statement of Activities (June 30)

FY Revenues	FY09	FY08
Grants and Contributions	1,344,364	208,119
Fundraising and Appeals	61,450	384,554
Investment Returns	(336,045)	23,165
Other Income	-	856
Total Revenue	**$1,069,769**	**$616,694**
Expenses:		
Program services:		
Academic Support	477,895	799,431
Fundraising	27,178	28,992
Total Program Services	**$505,073**	**$828,423**
Supporting Services:		
Bad Debt	-	87,000
Management Fees	99,523	56,314
Professional and Investment Fees	11,613	20,811
Office Costs	2,641	9,499
Misc	666	3,234
Insurance	1,451	1,451
Total Supporting Services	**$115,894**	**$178,309**
Total Expenses	620,967	1,006,732
Increase (Decrease In Net Assets)	448,802	(390,038)

FY09 Expenditures



Athol

Athol, Hardwick, New Salem, Orange, Petersham, Phillipston and Royalston

Unduplicated Student Headcount from the Athol/Orange Region:

Credit:	555	Noncredit:	192	Total:	747

MWCC Employees from the Athol/Orange Region:

Full-time:	18
Part-time:	42
Total:	60

MWCC Nursing students organized a health fair for teenagers at Athol High School, in conjunction with the school's Peer Mentors, a group of teens who pledge to be alcohol and drug free and promote healthy living. Five groups of MWCC students presented information on different topics that had been selected by the Athol students as topics they consider the most prevalent in their lives and in the community, including alcohol and substance abuse, sun safety and dating safety.

Programs

Gateway to College Hosts Graduation, Among Country's Largest

Offered through a partnership with the Ralph C. Mahar Regional School District at MWCC's Gardner Campus, Gateway to College allows eligible students who have stepped out of traditional high school to receive a true second chance at achieving educational success. Students ages 16-20 who have dropped out of high school, or are at risk of dropping out, can enroll at MWCC to earn both high school and college credits toward a high school diploma and associate degree or certificate.

The first formal graduation ceremony for the program was held in June. In three years, MWCC's Gateway to College program has grown from a graduating class of two in 2007 to 32 this year. This year's graduating class was among the largest in the country, on par with the Gateway program at Portland Community College in Oregon, where the program originated.

The Gateway to College program was launched three years ago at MWCC with funding from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and others. MWCC's program, which now enrolls nearly 100 students, is one of 24 in the country in 14 states, and was the first out of three program sites now located in Massachusetts.

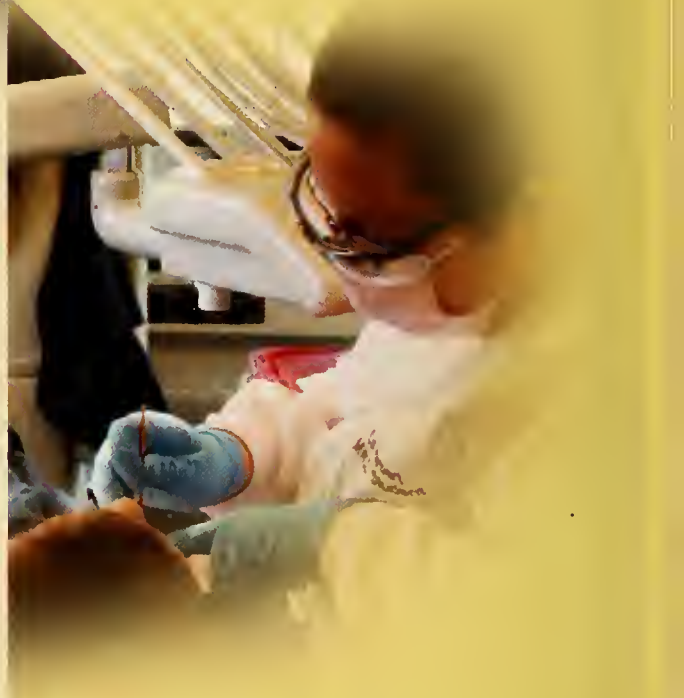
Michael Baldassarre, superintendent of the Ralph C. Mahar Regional School District, delivered the keynote address.

Community Scholars Lend a Hand

Through the Community Scholars program, participating students provided more than 10,200 hours in service over two years to a number of agencies in the North Central region. During FY09, the following Athol/Orange agency benefited from this initiative:

Orange = 244.5 hrs.

- YES, Inc. = 244.5 hrs.



Dental Hygiene student Lori Herbert applies her skills to a young patient during a service learning project in Athol. Students enrolled in MWCC's Dental Hygiene program took a spin on the Massachusetts Dental Society Foundation's Mobile Access to Care Van (MAC Van) to provide children with dental care at the Sanders Street and Pleasant Street Schools. Working in groups of three, the students assisted dentists who also were volunteering their time and services to children who otherwise might not have access to dental care.

Orange Region

Athol, Hardwick, New Salem, Orange, Petersham, Phillipston and Royalston

Caitlin and Heather Barclay

MWCC Helps Royalston Family Pursue Dream Jobs - Debt-free!

For the Barclays, attending MWCC has become a family legacy that has not only helped the family to realize their goals, but has kept them free of college loan debt.

Mary Barclay turned to MWCC when her first daughter was young. "I was a married woman with an infant, who had absolutely no way to earn money should something happen to her husband. 'The Mount' helped me earn an Associate Degree in Nursing."

Both of the Barclay daughters, Heather and Caitlin, attended MWCC when they completed homeschooling at age 16 and then transferred to UMass, Amherst. Heather now works in Washington, D.C. as a sign language interpreter. She served as an interpreter for Hillary Clinton when the new secretary of state made her first broadcast to embassies around the globe. Caitlin graduated in 2009 and headed for San Antonio, Texas, where she works at SeaWorld—her dream job is in marine mammal training.

"While the achievements of our daughters are reasons enough to smile, the smile really comes from the fact we have two daughters who have earned bachelor's degrees and have done so without incurring any debt," says Mary. She points out that MWCC helped the family to save in several ways: MWCC's tuition was lower than any other educational option; the girls lived at home, thereby saving on room and board expenses; and a combination of the Honors Program and MWCC's transfer agreements with public four-year colleges helped the family to realize tuition benefits at MWCC and UMass.

Orange Resident Surmounts Challenges to Earn Key Award

Thomas Russell of Orange, a disabled veteran and widowed single parent who overcame tremendous obstacles in his life to succeed academically, was recognized as this year's recipient of the Visions program's President's Award.

The award was presented to Russell by President Asquino during the Visions program awards and recognition celebration held in May. Now in its 30th year at MWCC, the Visions program is a U.S. Department of Education TRIO/Student Support Services grant that works with students who come from low income and first generation backgrounds as well as students with disabilities to help them persist and succeed in college.

Russell, who graduated in May with an associate degree in Human Services, served the past two years as president of the Human Services Club. He transferred to Fitchburg State College, where he is pursuing a bachelor's degree.

Thomas Russell

Greater Region

Ashburnham, Barre, Gardner, Hubbardston, Oakham, Rutland, Templeton, Westminster, and Winchendon

Unduplicated Student Headcount from the Greater Gardner Region:

Credit:	1,623
Noncredit:	991
Total:	2,614

MWCC Employees from the Greater Gardner Region:

Full-time:	143
Part-time:	268
Total:	411

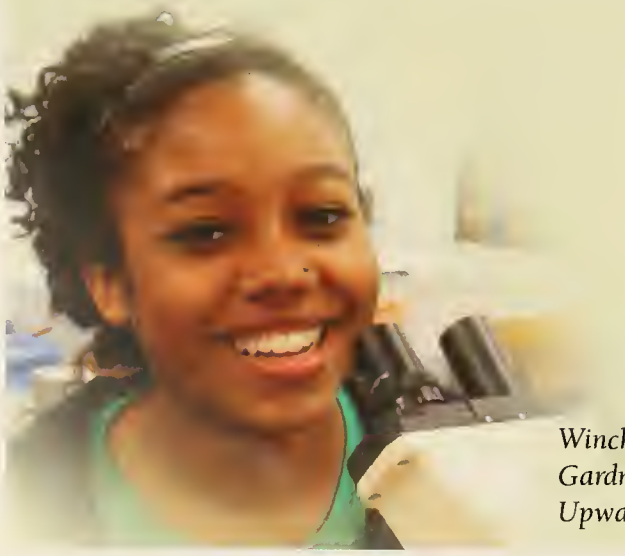
Programs

Gardner Adult Learning Center

During FY09, the center provided 104 local residents with free Adult Basic Education (ABE), pre-GED, and GED classes at the Gardner Adult Learning Center, located at MWCC's Gardner Campus. Programs are funded by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. A transitional math class to help ABE participants prepare for college-level math classes was also offered and funded by the ABE Transitions Program.

Winchendon Adult Basic Education Center

During FY09, the center provided 70 Winchendon residents with free GED and pre-GED classes at the Winchendon Adult Basic Education Center. The center is located at the Winchendon Community Action Center at 273 Central Street in Winchendon. Programs at the center are funded by the Robinson Broadhurst Foundation.



Winchendon resident Felicia Agbanyo, a student at Gardner High School and participant in MWCC's Upward Bound Math Science Program.

MWCC Student Success Center

Located at Murdock Middle/High School, the Student Success Center provides all local residents with a place to access the latest in college admissions, financial aid and test preparation resources, while offering tutoring and academic support to students.

Community Scholars Lend a Hand

Through the Community Scholars program, participating students provided more than 10,200 hours in service over two years to a number of agencies in the North Central region. During FY09, the following Greater Gardner agencies benefited from this initiative:

Gardner = 1588.5 hours

- House of Peace and Education = 469 hours
- Waterford Street School = 612 hours
- Community Health Connections Dental Clinic = 507.5

Winchendon = 350.5 hours

- The Winchendon Project (a program of MOC) = 350.5 hours

Barre = 54 hours

- Many Hands Organic Farm = 54 hours

MWCC Making a Splash (of Color) in Downtown Gardner

Gardner Mayor Hawke and MWCC Associate Professor of Art Thomas Matsuda at the Gardner Ale House mural reception.

Following the success in 2008 of a city beautification project at the vacant Goodnow-Pearson department store on Main Street, MWCC art students once again teamed up with the Gardner business community to expand upon a mural project. Rick Walton, owner of the Gardner Ale House, enlisted MWCC students to create murals for his Parker Street restaurant.

Six students jumped at the chance to volunteer for the service learning project under the direction of Thomas Matsuda, associate professor of art. The students - Lori Forgues, Nancy Kimungu, Liam Malley, Dana Simms, Linda Simon and Mark Thomas – each spent more than 40 hours creating the restaurant dining and dancing themed murals in less than two weeks. The paintings were unveiled during a festive, outdoor reception in May, and the mural project continues to gain momentum within the city, as new projects are planned.

Gardner

Ashburnham, Barre, Gardner, Hubbardston, Oakham, Rutland, Templeton, Westminster, and Winchendon

UWYV Students Secure Dry Field

Winchendon United Way Youth Venture students banded together through their team, "Extreme Field Makeover" to renovate the baseball field at Murdock Middle High School, and create a drainage system that would allow them to play on the field after a day of rain. In the past, the field would be flooded for up to four days after a rain storm – this year, for the first time, the field was able to be used the next day.

Gardner Campus

MWCC lives up to its name as the "community's college." Established in 1963, MWCC is an accredited, public, two-year institution that offers over 40 associate degree and certificate programs, as well as adult basic education/GED programs, education and training for business and industry, and noncredit continuing education opportunities.

In addition to offering high quality, affordable academic programs, MWCC provides many recreational and cultural opportunities for North Central Massachusetts residents and visitors.

• Theatre at the Mount, housed in the Raymond M. LaFontaine Fine Arts Center on MWCC's Gardner Campus, has entertained area audiences of all ages since 1976, providing over 500,000 people with an opportunity to enjoy community theatre at its best. The East Wing Gallery features a variety of exhibits throughout the year.

• MWCC's Fitness & Wellness Center is open to the public through memberships and to non-members on a drop-in basis. Amenities include a six-lane, 25-yard, indoor pool; fully-equipped weight and aerobic areas; a gymnasium containing three basketball courts that can also be used for volleyball, badminton and tennis; two regulation racquetball courts; a 200-meter walking/running track; locker rooms and more.

• The Leo & Theresa LaChance Library at MWCC, a critical component of the educational experience for students, supports teaching and learning excellence and student development and success. The library is open for public use.

• Many community organizations use the campus for their events, including the Gardner Relay for Life, which has raised more than $8 million for the American Cancer Society for research over the past 16 years. The annual fundraiser has been recognized as the largest walk in New England and one of the largest in the country.

Workforce Training

MWCC Strengthens Greater Gardner Businesses

Helping area businesses to keep their workforce trained and their skills up-to-date is a key part of MWCC's mission. MWCC helps area companies by assessing their training needs, providing grant-writing assistance to help them attain Workforce Training Fund grants, and then providing the training:

FY09 Workforce Training Fund Grants

Company	Grant Amount
North Central Human Services	$30,328
Advanced Cable Ties, Inc.	$40,500
Maple Wood, Inc.	$19,000
Saloom Furniture Company	$68,328

The Community Garden at MWCC

Area residents were invited to plant their own tomatoes, green beans, squash and other organically grown produce at MWCC's new Community Garden. Sponsored by W.E. Aubuchon, Co., Inc., GFA Federal Credit Union and MWCC, and plowed by farmer Chuck Tarleton, owner of Sunset View Farm in Winchendon, the Community Garden provided plots for area residents and organizations to maintain their own gardens on land adjacent to the Fitness & Wellness Center. "The growing emphasis on sustainability, buying locally-grown food, and healthy eating has made this a perfect time to establish the garden," President Asquino said. "Our sponsors are community-minded organizations, and we greatly appreciate their commitment to this exciting project."

Participating in The Community Garden, from left, Gardner Mayor Mark Hawke; Tina Sbrega, President and CEO of GFA Federal Credit Union; President Asquino; garden coordinator and MWCC student Amanda Dettloff; and William E. Aubuchon III, CEO of W.E. Aubuchon Co., Inc.

MWCC Impacts Greater Gardner Businesses

Saloom Furniture recently worked with MWCC to attain a Workforce Training Fund grant to provide training to their employees. The proposal was fully-funded at $68,328. Besides helping to assess their training needs and writing the grant proposal, MWCC will provide the training at their facility.

"In today's tough economic times, small business owners have all they can manage with the day-to-day running of their business. The application for a Workforce Training Fund grant can be overwhelming to the point of not doing the application. MWCC helped us every step of the way. With their help, providing this training opportunity for our employees became a manageable process."

Linda Saloom
Business Operations Manager
Saloom Furniture, Winchendon

Fitchburg Region

Ashby, Fitchburg, Leominster, Lunenburg, Princeton and Sterling

Unduplicated Student Headcount from the Fitchburg/Leominster Region:

Credit:	2,064
Noncredit:	2,292
Total:	4,356

MWCC Employees from the Fitchburg/Leominster Region:

Full-time:	64
Part-time:	178
Total:	242

Workforce Training

MWCC Strengthens Fitchburg/Leominster Area Businesses

Helping area businesses to keep their workforce trained and their skills up-to-date is a key part of MWCC's mission. MWCC helps area companies by assessing their training needs, providing grant-writing assistance to help them attain Workforce Training Fund grants, and then providing the training:

FY09 Workforce Training Fund Grants

Company	Grant Amount
Micron Products, Inc.	$165,000
United Way of North Central Massachusetts, Inc.	$8,500
Montachusett Home Care	$24,000
Creative Print Products	$19,604

Programs

GEAR UP (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs)

GEAR UP offers college awareness activities, academic advising, tutoring, after-school enrichment and family support to its students. To participate in GEAR UP, students must be in the class of 2011 or 2012 and enrolled in a participating Fitchburg public school. This program is funded by the U.S. Department of Education and administered by MWCC in partnership with Fitchburg Public Schools, the University of Massachusetts, the Cleghorn Neighborhood Center, the Boys and Girls Club of North Central Massachusetts, and the Massachusetts Educational Financing Authority.

MCAS Works!

A collaboration between MWCC and Fitchburg High School, this program provides students intensive, in-school small group instruction addressing identified gaps in English, language arts and math. Additionally, career exploration activities, including job shadowing, structured internship placements, service learning, guest lecturers, and field trips are provided. This program creatively re-engages students in their education and provides them with an impetus to pursue graduation. MCAS Works! is funded by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Postsecondary-Secondary Career/Vocational Technical Education Linkage Consortium

This initiative serves juniors and seniors from Fitchburg, Leominster and Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical High Schools. The primary goals are to increase the number of articulated and dual enrollment credits students can earn prior to graduation; to decrease remediation when a student enters college; and to increase college enrollment of high school students. It is funded by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

MWCC Student Success Center

Located at Fitchburg High School, the center provides all local residents with a place to access the latest in college admissions, financial aid and test preparation resources, while offering tutoring and academic support to students.

Leominster

Leominster Campus

MWCC's Leominster Campus is a fast-growing campus located at 100 Erdman Way, convenient to Routes 2 and 190.

The campus offers:

- Eight week cycle courses as well as full semester courses
- Degree and certificate programs including: Allied Health Concentration, Business Administration-Career, General Studies, Human Services, Paralegal Studies, Business Administration, Computer-assisted Accounting, Human Service Technician, IT Support Specialist, Office Assistant, Paralegal, and Small Business Management
- An English as a Second Language program

North Central Educational Opportunity Center (NCEOC)

The NCEOC assists adults who wish to continue their education beyond high school/GED. This program provides academic, career, and financial aid advising to eligible participants seeking to complete a high school equivalency program or enroll in postsecondary education. Priority for service is given to low-income adults (age 19 years and older) who may be the first in their families to attend college or complete a college degree. EOC participants may choose to continue their education in short-term vocational training, certificate programs, or two or four-year degree programs. The NCEOC is funded by a TRIO grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

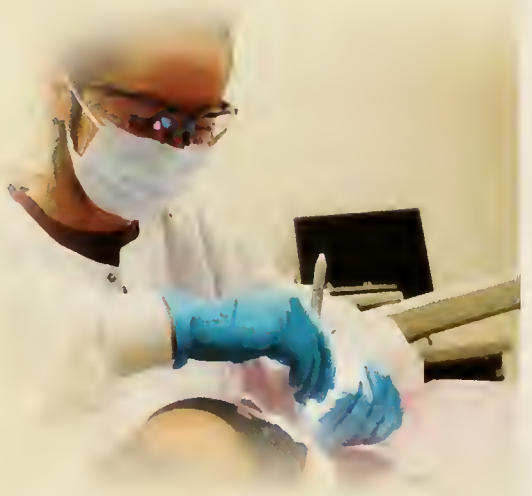
Adult Education Classes

Fitchburg Adult Basic Education Center

During FY09, the center provided 100 students with free Adult Basic Education, pre-GED, GED, and English for Speakers of Other Languages courses to local residents. The center is located at the McKay Campus School at 67 Rindge Road in Fitchburg. Programs are funded by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Burbank Campus

MWCC's Burbank Campus houses MWCC's Dental Hygiene program. The program is in the same building as Community Health Connections, Dental Services, a clinic that serves low-income patients on the HealthAlliance Burbank Campus. Students help attend to the clinic's high volume of dental care cases. The facility includes seven operatories, a library, multi-media classroom, reception area for patients, and a dental materials lab. Activities offered at the center and to the community through



the Dental Hygiene program include:

- Preventative healthcare services for over 900 patients, including: X-rays, cleanings, fluoride treatments, sealants, nutritional counseling, and smoking cessation
- As part of their service learning projects for their Community Health class, students provide oral health education services in nursing homes, cancer centers, and schools
- As part of their practicum for their Community Health class, students spent eight weeks at B.F. Brown Arts Vision School implementing a sealant program on behalf of the Department of Public Health in Boston

Leominster Adult Basic Education Center

During FY09, the center provided 117 local residents with Adult Basic Education, pre-GED, and GED classes. The Leominster Adult Basic Education Center is located at 365 Lindell Ave. in Leominster. Programs are funded by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Spanish GED Classes at Spanish American Center

MWCC offers GED classes and testing in Spanish at the Spanish American Center in Fitchburg. This program, which is going into its third year, is funded by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Community Scholars Lend a Hand

Through the Community Scholars program, participating students provided more than 10,200 hours in service over two years to a number of agencies in the North Central region. During FY09, the following Fitchburg/Leominster region agencies benefited from this initiative:

Fitchburg = 1,414.25 hours

- Montachusett Opportunity Council HeadStart = 393.75 hours
- Cleghorn Neighborhood Center = 525 hours
- North Central Charter Essential School = 495.5 hours

UWYV Students Take Classroom Outdoors

Leominster students on the United Way Youth Venture team "Hawk's Nest" at Skyview Middle School worked on a service learning project with their geometry teacher to determine which angles are needed in the creation of an outdoor amphitheater-style classroom. They are also working in partnership with local landscaping company LandPro Landscape, which has donated countless hours and materials to the project.

UWYV "Prom Dress Express"

United Way Youth Venture students in Fitchburg formed a team, "Prom Dress Express," and collected donations of gently-used prom dresses, dry cleaned them and allowed young women who otherwise would not be able to afford a dress for their prom the opportunity to purchase one for a minimal amount. This team also worked with a local salon who donated hair styling on the day of the prom for the young women who purchased gowns.

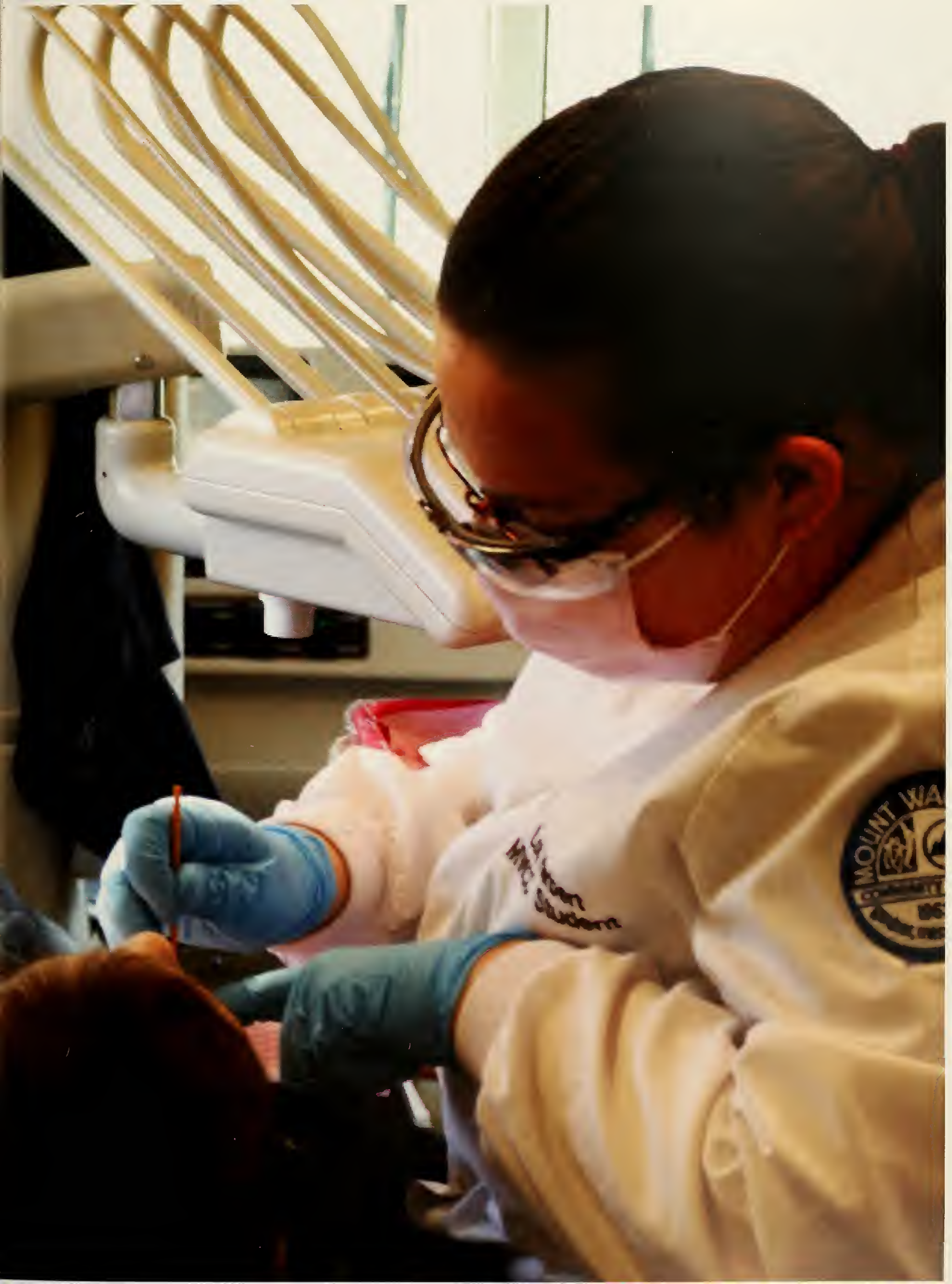
Salvatore Perla Named Alumnus of The Year

"I entered 'The Mount' not knowing what I wanted or what to expect. What I quickly realized is that The Mount would become the stepping stone of my academic foundation. The education I received here established a road for my academic and professional success."

-Salvatore Perla

Salvatore L. Perla, vice president of clinical and support services at Milford Regional Medical Center, was named MWCC's 2009 Alumnus of the Year. The Leominster resident, who graduated from MWCC in 1992 with an associate degree in medical laboratory technology and went on to establish a successful career in the healthcare field, was honored during the college's 44th Commencement on May 20.

Perla went on to earn a bachelor's degree in health science from Northeastern University and a master's degree in healthcare administration from Framingham State College. He also holds certifications from the American Society of Clinical Pathologists and the National Credentialing Agency for Laboratory Professionals.



Devens Region

Ayer, Clinton, Devens, Groton, Harvard, Lancaster, Pepperell, Shirley and Townsend

Unduplicated Student Headcount from the Devens Region:

Credit	634
Noncredit:	274
Total:	908

MWCC Employees from the Devens Region:

Full-time:	15
Part-time:	44
Total:	59

Adult Basic Education Transition to Community College

MWCC and Clinton Adult Learning Centers work together to help 20 eligible former adult basic education graduates receive assistance for one year to transition to MWCC to pursue post secondary education. This program is a three year grant funded program through Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Devens Adult Learning Center

During FY 09, the center provided 125 local residents with free pre-GED and GED classes, a math preparation program, and English as a Second Language classes. The Devens Adult Learning Center is located at MWCC's Devens Campus. These programs are funded through the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education in addition to funding from the Workforce Investment Act.

Workforce Training

MWCC Strengthens Area Businesses

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FY09 Workforce Training Fund Grants

Company	Grant Amount
Bionostics, Inc.	$76,500
Southern Container Corp.	$50,000
L-3 Communications ESSCO	$91,000
MagneMotion, Inc.	$22,500
Nypro, Inc.	$60,500

L-3 ESSCO Communications recently worked with MWCC to attain a Workforce Training Fund grant to provide training to their employees. The proposal was fully-funded at $91,000. Besides helping to assess their training needs and writing the grant proposal, MWCC provided the training at their facility.

"MWCC has been a true partner in our workforce training efforts. They have been flexible and accommodating, and always consider our needs as a top priority. From grant writing to providing guidance with training plans, MWCC has collaborated with our staff in customizing a program to ensure that L-3 ESSCO achieves its goals."

Carmen A. Pombeiro
Vice President, Human Resources & Ethics Officer

New Biomanufacturing Workforce Program Begins

A new biomanufacturing workforce training program, new laboratory equipment and new faculty are adding up to new opportunities for a number of Central Massachusetts residents. In 2009, MWCC launched a free Biomanufacturing Workforce Training Program designed to prepare students for employment in the biomanufacturing field. The program, funded through a $1.6 million U.S. Department of Labor grant awarded to the college, is creating a career pathway for approximately 100 area residents by providing a total of six 15-week sessions over three years. Classes are held at MWCC's Devens Campus, recently furnished with cutting-edge equipment through the same federal Community-Based Job Training grant. Students completing the program will be ready to enter the workforce and can transfer up to 10 credits toward MWCC's two existing biotechnology/biomanufacturing academic programs.

Ayer, Clinton, Devens, Groton, Harvard, Lancaster, Pepperell, Shirley and Townsend

Devens Campus

The 40,000 square foot Devens Campus opened two years ago so MWCC could better serve the Nashoba region. The state-of-the-art, multi-media campus includes 14 classrooms, four lab science classrooms, a SIMS lab with control room, physical therapy lab, two computer labs, a portable computer lab that can be transported to any classroom, a student lounge, and two conference rooms. The campus offers:

- Convenient schedule options: day, evening, Saturday, and hybrid courses
- Convenient location—minutes off of Route 2
- Hybrid courses allow students to attend just one day a week and complete the rest of their coursework from home
- Quick training programs in EMT, Medical Office, Practical Nursing and Nurse Assisting
- Biotechnology/Biomanufacturing Certificate, Degree, and Noncredit program
- Physical Therapist Assistant Degree
- Liberal arts and general education courses
- College credit courses offered in a 15 week or accelerated 8 week format
- Adult Basic Education

MWCC Expands Physical Therapist Assistant Program to Devens Campus

With job prospects for physical therapist assistants remaining strong in Massachusetts and nationally, despite the recession, MWCC began offering an academic program in this allied health specialty at its Devens Campus. "We view this expansion as a way to enhance academic and career options for a greater number of Massachusetts residents, while also addressing the need for more healthcare professionals working in this field," President Asquino said.

UWYV Team Secures Skateboard Park

In Shirley, the United Way Youth Venture team "Skaters of Shirley" worked with their local board of selectmen and the Benjamin Park Hill Committee to change public policy to allow for the creation and opening of a public skateboarding park in the town. These middle school students were also able to secure donations from a number of places, including a large skate ramp from Eastern Boarder, which helped them open the first half of the park this spring.

Bakery Takes the Cake in 4th Annual Business Plan Competition

Pictured with the winning business partners, President Asquino and the judges in the grand prize presentation, from left: Shiko Gathuo of Worcester State College, Deb LaPointe of Enterprise Bank & Trust in Leominster, Krav'nz Bakery and Cafe partners Tim Lea and Nancy Heron, President Asquino, Ronald Ansin of the Ronald Ansin Foundation in Leominster, Lori Richardson of Montachusett Home Care Corporation in Leominster, and Joe Stiso, associate vice president of institutional advancement at MWCC.

Krav'nz Bakery and Café of Clinton was the grand prize winner in MWCC's fourth annual Business Plan Competition, sponsored by the college with support from numerous community and business sponsors. Krav'nz Bakery and Café, an expansion of the café portion of Compulaine's WiFi Café, located at 120 Union Street in Clinton, won a combined $7,300 in cash and in-kind business services from competition sponsors.

North

North Central Region and Beyond

The North Central region includes information from the regional impact described on previous pages, as well as activities beyond the North Central Mass. region.

Workforce Training

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Workforce Training Fund Grants

Company	Grant Amount
Healthcare Partnership Grant	$454,077
Keiver-Willard Lumbar Corporation	$46,721
Lamcotec, Inc.	$49,200
Systematics, Inc.	$56,126

Programs

Students Reach New Heights Through Upward Bound Program

Upward Bound, administered by MWCC's Division of Access and Transition, serves 150 area students who have an aptitude for math and science, are from first generation college families and/or are income eligible. In 2007, MWCC was awarded a $1 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education - $250,000 a year for the four-year initiative. The goal is to help students develop their potential in math and science and encourage them to pursue postsecondary degrees in these subject areas. The program serves students in grades 9 through 12 at Gardner High School, Athol-Royalston High School, Murdock Middle/High School in Winchendon and Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School in Fitchburg.

Educational Talent Search

This program serves 600 students in grades 6-12 in the Gardner, Winchendon, Leominster, and Fitchburg school districts. Services include: academic counseling and advising, tutoring, career exploration, financial aid and scholarship information, college admissions assistance, leadership and enrichment activities. This program is funded by the U.S. Department of Education.

Inclusive Concurrent Enrollment (ICE)

ICE is an opportunity for disabled high school students ages 18-22 to concurrently take courses at their high school and either credit or noncredit classes at MWCC. An initiative funded by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education; this grant is in partnership with the school districts of Fitchburg, Gardner, Ashburnham-Westminster, Mahar, Leominster Narragansett, and Nashoba Regional.

MCAS Academic Pathways to Success

This program is a chance for current juniors and seniors, or older students who have not yet passed the MCAS exam, to prepare for college admissions while exploring other options available to them. The program offers a unique and true-to-life academic college experience, allowing the students to focus on coursework relevant to passing the MCAS exam and other college or career entrance requirements. MCAS Academic Pathways to Success is funded by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Summer Programs

MWCC's summer programs provide educational and recreational activities for over 800 students in the Fitchburg, Leominster, Gardner and Winchendon areas. Included in its summer programming are Summer UP, which provides employment opportunities for middle and high school students, as well as safe places to play for local children; Academic, College, and Career Transitions, providing MCAS instruction and recreational opportunities to students; CyberCamp, offering fun computer skill-building activities; and DesignCamp, a science and engineering program held at UMASS Lowell.

Central Massachusetts Region and Beyond

One Stop Career Pathways for Youth

This program is a partnership between the North Central Career Center, the Workforce Investment Board and MWCC. It allows a resource specialist to be sited at the career center to serve students from the class of 2003 and re-engages them in planning and preparing for their futures. The resource specialist provides students with options that address their unique academic, employment and career needs to attain the skills necessary to pass the MCAS to obtain the state required competency determination for high school graduation. *One Stop Career Pathways for Youth* is funded by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

North Central Career Center

North Central Career Center provides services for both business and job seekers in the North Central Massachusetts region by providing a pool of skilled workers for industry while offering a streamlined process for training and retraining for overall job enrichment.

United Way Youth Venture

United Way Youth Venture (UWYV), worked with youth in the region ages 12-20 to develop leadership skills, build confidence, provide countless services to their communities, and most importantly, give them the chance to make lasting, positive change on others, as well as themselves. UWYV is a partnership among the United Way of North Central Massachusetts, the Center for Democracy & Humanity at MWCC and Ashoka's Youth Venture, which supports the youth of North Central Massachusetts to be the cultivators of change in our community. In FY09, UWYV partnered with eleven schools and programs in five school districts, exposing more than 5,200 youth to the UWYV opportunity, with more than 800 youth participating on a United Way Youth Venture team:

Fitchburg = 1,403
Leominster = 2,661
Devens (Parker Charter) = 385
Shirley = 621
Winchendon = 150

Community Scholars Lend a Hand

Through the Community Scholars program, participating students provided more than 10,200 hours in service over two years to a number of agencies in the North Central region. During FY09, the following agencies, beyond those listed in previous pages, benefited from this initiative:

North Central Region = 1228.5 hours

- Partnership for Latino Success = 483.5
- The Trustees of Reservations = 392.5
- Molly Bish Institute for Child Health and Safety = 352.5 hours

Speaker Series Focuses on Renewable Energy

Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources Commissioner Philip Giudice was among the featured speakers.

The "What's Next Speaker Series" at the Doyle Conservation Center focused on renewable energy, and over three sessions, drew community leaders from agencies not only in the North Central region, but across Massachusetts to discuss ways that energy conservation and renewable energy can save funds for businesses, schools and residents. More than 250 people attended the three sessions, held in partnership with the Center for Democracy & Humanity at MWCC, the Trustees of Reservations and Hannaford Supermarkets.

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